

all the advantages of strong contrast He moreover, suggested, when he spoke, a degree of lucid and objective impartiality about which she, often, did not bother On the organisation side, again, he was supremely useful a mine of suggestions, and a living principle of order Any-how, the thing "\vent "

The Webbs showed great skill in keeping their members up to the mark by giving them something to do The columns of *The Crusade*, their monthly paper, bristle with suggestions Members can push *The Crusade* they can sell literature ("the difference between the trade terms and sale prices is quite sufficient or rather more than sufficient to cover the personal expenses incidental to such \ork"), they can collect facts

"The Minority Report is full from cover to cover of instances of the failure of the Poor Law to cope \with destitution on modern and scientific lines But in order to keep our propaganda up-to-date, \e \vant to kno\ \what is happening not in 1907 and 1908 butm 1910 "

To help in this, a Research Department was set up and staffed at 37 Norfolk Street Here the Head Office was a constant buzz of activity, lines were out in all directions

A genuine National Movement seemed to be under way

Mrs Webb's Diary gives a picture

"As I sat in my office this morning—three rooms crowded with volunteers—Bentham (a member of the Majority of the Commission) was announced I gave him the warmest welcome, introduced Colegate (the secretary) to him, and asked him 'What we could do for him?' He seemed almost dazed with the bustle of the office 'I wanted to see your literature,' he said 'You seem busy here as if it were a General

Election 'Perhaps it is*
I laughingly replied 'I wish we had
somebody to organise our
side, like you, no member of the Majority
cares enough about it''

This was in July 1910 Perhaps stimulated by
Bentharn's
visit, the Majority did get an organisation for
the promotion
of their views into being After that, the fun
became more